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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF PHARMACEUTICAL WATER

## Small Entity Declaration—Small Business Concern

I hereby declare that I am

\_\_\_\_ the owner of the small business concern identified below:

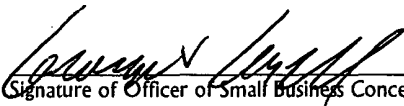
XX an officer of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:Name of Concern: Mechanical Equipment Company, Inc.Address of Concern: 1615 Poydras Street, 14th Floor, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3 -18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the above entitled invention of the above applicants and the specification filed herewith.

I acknowledge a duty to file, in the above application for patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

  
Signature of Officer of Small Business Concern

September 12, 2003  
Date

George V. Gsell, President  
Name and Title of Officer

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Address of Officer

**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION  
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Docket Number: Case 230

As below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF PHARMACEUTICAL WATER**, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

_____ (Number)	_____ (Country)	_____ (Day/Month/Year Filed)		____ Yes ____ No
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

_____ (Application Number)	_____ (Filing Date)	_____ (Status – patented, pending, abandoned)
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I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Raúl V. Fonte, Reg. No. 27,882

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\_\_\_\_ Additional inventors are being named on separately number sheets attached hereto.